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Dear Mr. Bates:

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on your proposed regulation changes dealing with review of a project for consistency with the ACMP.

We have reviewed the comments submitted by Sealaska Corporation and we concur with their remarks.

In general, we hope the proposed changes do not broaden the scope or range of projects that must be reviewed under this program. Upland projects that do not have a direct and significant impact on coastal land and water should not be subject to review under this program. There are already to many agencies and redundant review processes for various projects. We need to minimize the costs and the uncertainties that result from these reviews. In addition, we request that you not allow agencies, groups or individuals to use the ACMP process to delay a project or to add unnecessary, costly requirements to a project.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Owen J. Graham Executive Director